GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:58
ANSWERED ON:17.02.2009
AMENDMENT IN IPC
Patil Shri Pratik Prakashbapu

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Maharashtra Government has sent a proposal to amend certain sections of the Indian Penal Code (I.P.C.) regarding removal of the ceiling on the amount of fines under such sections;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to insert a new section 292 (A); and

(d) if so, the details thereof and present status of the proposal?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Government of Maharashtra has forwarded the Indian Penal Code (Maharashtra Amendment) Bill, 2008, which has been received in this Ministry on 8.2.2008, for obtaining the approval of the Government of India before its introduction in the State Legislature.

The State Government proposes to amend Section 279, 304A, 354 and 509 in order to enhance punishment provided in these sections; Section 441 to treat unauthorized occupation of Government premises as cognizable offence and sections 323, 336, 337, 338 and 491 to remove the ceiling amount of fine prescribed under these sections.

(c): Yes,sir.

(d): The State Government also proposes to insert a new Section 292 A to provide for punishment for publishing or printing of indecent or scurrilous matter or matter intended for blackmail.The State Government was requested to provide clarifications on certain issues.Clarifications furnished by the State Government are under examination.